

SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA BIRD LIST
(including Lake Perris State Recreation Area)
by D. M. Morton, Updated February 2008

The following list includes 319 species that have been reported from the combined San Jacinto Wildlife Area and Lake Perris State Recreation Area. Two species, Black Rail, Curlew Sandpiper (queried?) have not been verified and one, Golden Plover sp., was only identified at the genus level. The list includes a few old records predating the establishment of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and Lake Perris Recreation Area that are presumed to have been in or adjacent to this area. The checklist follows the taxonomy of the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) 1997 7th edition checklist and subsequent supplements.

The area covered by this list includes a wide variety of habitats ranging from open water at Lake Perris to dry coastal sage. Observational frequency is based on a full day of birding that includes the proper habitat for individual species. 'Common' indicates one or more individuals should be seen any day birding. 'Uncommon' indicates should be seen 25-50 % of days birding. 'Rare' indicates infrequently to very infrequently seen species. 'Accidental' refers to one to a few occurrences of a species and very unlikely to be seen.

The occurrence and frequency of water and shore birds is partly governed by ephemeral Mystic Lake that fills a shallow closed depression in the San Jacinto Fault Zone. When the closed depression floods to form Mystic Lake a large number of transient and wintering birds are attracted, providing excellent opportunities to study shore birds. Mystic Lake is the site of a number of accidental and rare recorded species in the area.

This list was compiled by D.M. Morton for the *Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley*. Major contributors to the compilation were Gene Cardiff, Cin-Ty Lee, Chet McGaugh, Bob McKernan, Greg Morton, and especially John Green. In the future the Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley are planning on producing an annotated list which will be posted here on our web site.

Note: The Friends want to thank D. M. Morton for all the time and work he put in to revising the San Jacinto Wildlife Area Bird List. Revising a bird list is not an easy or quick task. We would also like to thank all of those who took time to provide input, information, and comments on the list. The original bird list was published in April 1989 and this update will provide the birding community with more accurate information. Eventually, the bird list will be put into a compact form for ease of use.

KEY TO STATUS DESIGNATIONS

STATUS

FREQUENCY

R = Resident

M = Migrant

V = Visitor

W = Winter Visitor

S = Summer Visitor

N = Nests in area

fN = formerly nested

nn = non-native

c = Common

u = Uncommon

r = Rare

a = Accidental

? = Questionable

Hyphenated frequencies indicates range in frequency (e.g, u-c indicates frequency in some years is uncommon and in other years common). Questionable refers to unverified whether identify of the bird or whether it nests within the area.

San Jacinto and Lake Perris Bird List (fN indicates is a former nester)

Anseriformes - Screamers, Swans, Geese, and Ducks

Anatidae - Ducks, Geese, and Swans

Fulvous Whistling-Duck	r fN
Greater White-fronted Goose	uMW-rS
Snow Goose	r-uMW
Ross's Goose	r-uMW
Brant	rV
Cackling Goose	r-uMW
Canada Goose	u-cMW
Tundra Swan	rM
Wood Duck	rMW
Gadwall	cMWS N
Eurasian Wigeon	rMW
American Wigeon	cMWuS
Mallard	cR N
Blue-winged Teal	uMW
Cinnamon Teal	cMW rN
Northern Shoveler	cMW
Northern Pintail	cMW rN
Green -winged Teal (<i>carolinensis</i>)	cMW
Eurasian (<i>crecca</i>)	aW
Canvasback	cMW
Redhead	cMW rN
Ring-necked Duck	cMW
Tufted Duck	rMW
Greater Scaup	uMW
Lesser Scaup	cMW
White-winged Scoter	rM
Long-tailed Duck	rMW
Bufflehead	cMW
Common Goldeneye	rMW
Hooded Merganser	r-uMW
Common Merganser	cMW rS
Red-breasted Merganser	rMW
Ruddy Duck	cMW rS N?

Galliformes - Gallinaceous Birds

Phasianidae - Partridges, Grouse, Turkeys, and Old World Quail

Ring-necked Pheasant	CR nn
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Odontophoridae - New World Quail

California Quail	CR
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Gaviiformes - Loons

Gaviidae - Loons

Red-throated Loon	rMW
Pacific Loon	rMW
Common Loon	u-cMW
Yellow-billed Loon	aW

Podicipediformes - Grebes

Podicipedidae - Grebes

Pied-billed Grebe	CR
Horned Grebe	uMW
Red-necked Grebe	a-rMW
Eared Grebe	CR
Western Grebe	cMW rN
Clark's Grebe	uMW rN

Pelecaniformes - Totipalmate Birds

Sulidae - Boobies

Blue-footed Booby	a
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Pelecanidae - Pelicans

American White Pelican	cMW r-uS
Brown Pelican	rSM

Phalacrocoracidae - Cormorants

Double-crested Cormorant	cV
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Fregatidae - Frigatebirds

Magnificent Frigatebird	a
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Ciconiiformes - Herons, Ibises, Storks, American Vultures, and Allies

Ardeidae - Herons, Bitterns, and Allies

American Bittern	uW
Least Bittern	rS fN
Great Blue Heron	cR N
Great Egret	cMW
Snowy Egret	cMW
Little Blue Heron	a
Cattle Egret	cMW N
Green Heron	cR N
Black-crowned Night-Heron	cR N

Threskiornithidae - Ibis

White-faced Ibis	u-cV fN
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Ciconiidae - Storks

Wood Stork	r
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Cathartidae - New World Vultures

Turkey Vulture	cSuW N?
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Falconiformes - Diurnal Birds of Prey

Accipitridae - Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies

Osprey	cWVrS
White-tailed Kite	cRN
Bald Eagle	r-uW
Northern Harrier	cMW N
Sharp-shinned Hawk	cMW
Cooper's Hawk	cR N
Harris's Hawk	a
Red-shouldered Hawk	cR N
Golden Eagle	uR N
Swainson's Hawk	uM
Zone-tailed Hawk	aV
Red-tailed Hawk	cR N
Harlin's Hawk (harlani)	rVW
Ferruginous Hawk	uW
Rough-legged Hawk	rMW

Falconidae - Caracaras and Falcons

Crested Caracara	aV
American Kestrel	cR N
Merlin	uMW
Peregrine Falcon	uMWS
Prairie Falcon	uR

Gruiformes - Rails, Cranes, and Allies

Rallidae - Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

Yellow Rail	a
Black Rail	a?
Virginia Rail	cR N
Sora	cMW N?
Common Moorhen	u-cR N
American Coot	cR N

Gruidae - Cranes

Sandhill Crane	aM
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Charadriiformes - Shorebirds, Gulls, Auks, and Allies

Charadriidae - Lapwings and Plovers

Black-bellied Plover	uM
Golden Plover sp.	a
Snowy Plover	rM
Semipalmated Plover	uM
Killdeer	cR N
Mountain Plover	r-uW

Recurvirostridae - Stilts and Avocets

American Avocet	cMR N
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Black-necked Stilt cMR N

Scolopacidae - Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies

Spotted Sandpiper uMW
Solitary Sandpiper rM
Wandering Tattler aV
Greater Yellowlegs cMW
Willet rM
Lesser Yellowlegs uMW
Whimbrel uM
Long-billed Curlew uMW
Hudsonian Godwit aV
Marbled Godwit uMrW
Ruddy Turnstone a-rM
Red Knot rM
Sanderling rM
Semipalmated Sandpiper rM
Western Sandpiper cMuW
Least Sandpiper cMW
Baird's Sandpiper r-uM
Pectoral Sandpiper r-uM
Dunlin uM
Curlew Sandpiper a?
Stilt Sandpiper rM
Buffbreasted Sandpiper aM
Ruff aM
Short-billed Dowitcher uM
Long-billed Dowitcher cMW
Wilson's Snipe u-cMW
Wilson's Phalarope uM
Red-necked Phalarope uM

Laridae - Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers

Laughing Gull rV or rM
Franklin's Gull rM
Little Gull a-rW
Bonaparte's Gull cWrS
Heerman's Gull a
Mew Gull rMW
Ring-billed Gull cMW
California Gull cMW
Herring Gull u-cW
Thayer's Gull r-uW
Western Gull rW
Glaucous-winged Gull rW
Sabine's Gull rM
Black-legged Kittiwake aW
Least Tern aV
Caspian Tern uM
Black Tern rM
Common Tern rM

Forster's Tern uMSW
Black Skimmer aV

Stercorariidae - Skuas

Parasitic Jaeger aV

Columbiformes - Pigeons, and Doves

Columbidae - Pigeons and Doves

Rock Pigeon cR nn N
Band-tailed Pigeon rV
Eurasian Collared-Dove uR nn N
Spotted Dove a-r nn
White-winged Dove rSV
Mourning Dove cR N
Common Ground-Dove rV
Ruddy Ground-Dove aV

Cuculiformes - Cuckoos and Allies

Cuculidae - Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis

Yellow-billed Cuckoo a-rM
Greater Roadrunner cR N
Groove-billed Ani a

Strigiformes - Owls

Tytonidae - Barn Owls

Barn Owl u-cR N

Strigidae - Typical Owls

Western Screech-Owl r-uV or R
Great Horned Owl cR N
Burrowing Owl uR N
Long-eared Owl uR N
Short-eared Owl r-uW

Caprimulgiformes - Goatsuckers, Oilbirds, and Allies

Caprimulgidae - Goatsuckers

Lesser Nighthawk uM fN
Common Poorwill uM

Apodiformes - Swifts, and Hummingbirds

Apodidae - Swifts

Black Swift r-uV
Vaux's Swift u-cM
White-throated Swift u-cV N

Trochilidae - Hummingbirds

Black-chinned Hummingbird uS N
Costa's Hummingbird cSuW N
Anna's Hummingbird cR N
Calliope Hummingbird rM

Rufous Hummingbird	uM
Allen's Hummingbird	rM

Coraciiformes - Rollers, Motmots, Kingfishers, and Allies

Alcedinidae - Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher	cMW
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Piciformes - Puffbirds, Jacamars, Toucans, Woodpeckers, and Allies

Picidae - Woodpeckers

Acorn Woodpecker	rV
Williamson's Sapsucker	aW
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	aW
Red-naped Sapsucker	rMW
Red-breasted Sapsucker	rMW
Nuttall's Woodpecker	cR N
Downy Woodpecker	uR N
Hairy Woodpecker	rVW
Northern Flicker	cMW
Yellow-shafted	rV

Passeriformes - Passerine Birds

Tyrannidae - Tyrant Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher	uM
Western Wood-Pewee	cM
Willow Flycatcher	uM
Least Flycatcher	aW
Hammond's Flycatcher	uMrW
Gray Flycatcher	rMW
Dusky Flycatcher	rM
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	cM
Black Phoebe	cR N
Eastern Phoebe	rW
Say's Phoebe	cWuS N
Vermilion Flycatcher	r-uW
Ash-throated Flycatcher	cMuSrW N
Cassin's Kingbird	cMuR N
Western Kingbird	cMS N
Eastern Kingbird	aV
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	aV

Laniidae - Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike	u-cR N
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Vireonidae - Vireos

Bell's Vireo	rMS N
Plumbeous Vireo	rM
Cassin's Vireo	uM
Warbling Vireo	cM

Corvidae - Crows and Jays

Steller's Jay	a-rW
Western Scrub-Jay	cR N
American Crow	cR N
Common Raven	cR N

Alaudidae - Larks

Horned Lark	cWMuS N
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Hirundinidae - Swallows

Purple Martin	rM
TreeSwallow	cMS N
Violet-green Swallow	cMaW
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c N
Bank Swallow	uM
Cliff Swallow	cMS N
Barn Swallow	cMSrW

Paridae - Chickadees and Titmice

Mountain Chickadee	rV
Oak Titmouse	rV

Aegithalidae - Long-tailed Tits and Bushtits

Bushtit	cR N
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Sittidae - Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch	rMW
White-breasted Nuthatch	rV

Certhiidae - Creepers

Brown Creeper	rW
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Troglodytidae - Wrens

Cactus Wren	uMW rS N
Rock Wren	cR N
Canyon Wren	u-cR N
Bewick's Wren	cR N
House Wren	uMW rS N
Winter Wren	aW
Marsh Wren	cR N

Regulidae - Kinglets

Ruby-crowned Kinglet	cMW
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Sylviidae - Old World Warblers and Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	cR N
California Gnatcatcher	rR N

Turdidae - Thrushes

Western Bluebird	cMW
Mountain Bluebird	u-cW
Swainson's Thrush	u-cM

Hermit Thrush	u-cMuW
American Robin	uW
Varied Thrush	u-cW

Mimidae - Mockingbirds and Thrashers

Northern Mockingbird	cR N
Sage Thrasher	uMrW
Bendire's Thrasher	a-r V
California Thrasher	cR N
Le Conte's Thrasher	aV

Sturnidae - Starlings

European Starling	cR nn N
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Motacillidae - Wagtails and Pipits

American Pipit	cMW
Sprague's Pipit	rMW

Bombycillidae - Waxwings

Cedar Waxwing	uMW
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Ptilgonatidae - Silky-flycatchers

Phainopepla	uM N?
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Parulidae - Wood-Warblers

Orange-crowned Warbler	cMuW
Nashville Warbler	uMrW
Lucy's Warbler	a
Northern Parula	rM
Yellow Warbler	cMrW
Chestnut-sided Warbler	rMW
Yellow-rumped Warbler	
Audubon's Warbler	cMW
Myrtle Warbler	uMW
Black-throated Gray Warbler	cMrW
Townsend's Warbler	uMrW
Hermit Warbler	uM
Palm Warbler	rMW
Blackpoll Warbler	rM
Black-and-white Warbler	rM
American Redstart	rM
Ovenbird	rM
MacGillivray's Warbler	uM
Common Yellowthroat	cR N
Wilson's Warbler	cM
Yellow-breasted Chat	uM

Thraupidae - Tanagers

Western Tanager	uM
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Emberizidae - Emberzids

Green-tailed Towhee	rMW
Spotted Towhee	cR N
California Towhee	cR N
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	cR N
American Tree Sparrow	aW
Chipping Sparrow	uMW
Clay-colored Sparrow	rW
Brewer's Sparrow	uMW
Black-chinned Sparrow	rM
Vesper Sparrow	uMW
Lark Sparrow	cR N
Black-throated Sparrow	rV
Sage Sparrow (Bell's)	uR N
Lark Bunting	rMW
Savannah Sparrow	cMW
Grasshopper Sparrow	rW fN
Fox Sparrow	rMW
Song Sparrow	cR N
Lincoln's Sparrow	u-cMW
Swamp Sparrow	aW
White-throated Sparrow	rW
Harris's Sparrow	aW
White-crowned Sparrow	CMW
Golden-crowned Sparrow	r-uMW
Dark-eyed Oregon	cMW
Slate-colored	rW
Pink-sided	rW
Gray-headed	rW
McCown's Longspur	rW
Lapland Longspur	rW
Chestnut-collared Longspur	rW

Cardinalidae - Cardinals, Saltators, and Allies

Black-headed Grosbeak	u-cM
Blue Grosbeak	u-cS N
Lazuli Bunting	uMS N
Indigo Bunting	rM

Icteridae - Blackbirds

Red-winged Blackbird	cR N
Tricolored Blackbird	cSuW N
Western Meadowlark	cR N
Yellow-headed Blackbird	u-cSuW N
Brewer's Blackbird	cR N
Great-tailed Grackle	cR N
Brown-headed Cowbird	cR N
Hooded Oriole	uMS N
Bullock's Oriole	uMSrW N
Scott's Oriole	rM

Fringillidae - Fringilline and Cardueline Finches and Allies

Purple Finch	rV
House Finch	cR N
Red Crossbill	rW
Pine Siskin	rW
Lesser Goldfinch	cR N
Lawrence's Goldfinch	uMS N?
American Goldfinch	uRcMW N

Passeridae - Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow	cR nn N
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